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## STRIKE TAKES A TURN FOR WORSE SAY RAIL HEADS

"Situation Very Serious," Railroad President Declares.

This Following Final Conference at White House.

WILSON HOWEVER OPTIMISTIC Secret Conferences Weigh Counter Propositions.

Roads Realize Nothing to Do But Accept 8-Hour Plan.

Washington, Aug. 24.—After continued conferences today between President Wilson and the select committee of railroad executives, the situation surrounding the threatened strike was described as having narrowed down to the following:

The railroad presidents, at least the select committee of eight, are willing to accept the eight-hour day insisted upon by President Wilson and the trainmen.

In return they ask that they be assured as fully as possible that all proper support between and proper means be used to assure them a freight rate increase from the interstate commerce commission.

They ask also that the government create a permanent board or commission similar to the Canadian commission to handle future labor difficulties. A commission of this character would be empowered to investigate when labor troubles threaten and no strike could be called or strike vote taken pending its investigation, a full report of which would be made public at its conclusion.

At the end of the investigation arbitration would be suggested but if not accepted, opportunity would be given to the men to take a strike vote. The railroad would be neutral.

Executives Not So Hopeful.

Washington, Aug. 24.—"Since midnight the situation has taken a change for the worse," declared a member of the railroad presidents' sub-committee before the sub-committee left for the White House at their own request, this afternoon to confer with President Wilson.

"The situation is very serious," he added.

The sub-committee, R. S. Lovett of the Union Pacific, Daniel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio and Hakea B. H. of the Burlington, expected to report the result of their visit to a meeting of the whole number of railroad presidents at 2 o'clock, to make the session since 11 o'clock, to make the trip to the White House.

"Everything now depends on this visit to the White House," said one of the three. He would not discuss what the negotiations had taken to make the situation worse. The executive in question is one who has heretofore talked optimistically concerning the prospects for adjustment.

Confers With Unknown Leaders.

Today's meeting at the White House was first announced by Judge Chambers of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation. It followed a visit by him to the hall where the brotherhoods' 440 representatives were in session. There he conferred with four brotherhood presidents and left them, apparently in increased good spirits. Indications grew today that the railway presidents were trying to find a way out of the situation on the basis of conceding the eight-hour day in some form—but not in the form demanded by the brotherhoods, supported by President Wilson. The meeting at the White House lasted only ten minutes. Leaving the White House, Holden, spokesman of the group, said:

"The situation is not any more hopeful than it has been."

"Is it hopeful at all?" he was asked.

Keep Plugging Away.

"I cannot make any statement as to that," he replied. "All I know is that as long as there is something to work for, I am going to keep plugging away."

"Contrary to the pessimism reflected by some of the railroad presidents was the very hopeful attitude of the president. In administration circles belief is strong that things look better than they have at any other visit. There is no danger of any immediate breaking off of negotiations."

While Holden said the conference with the president was requested by himself, on suggestion of the sub-committee of eight, it was stated at the White House that the president had asked for the conference.

Expected Presidents' Decision Today.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Judge W. L. Chambers, of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, conferred with President Wilson for half an hour today and then left to confer with representatives of the brotherhoods. Chambers would not discuss in any way the purpose of either visit, but it is known the president asked for the conference after seeing representatives of the railway presidents last night. The general belief is that the eight-hour proposition, offered by the railroads, was the subject discussed.

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## SANTA FE OFFICIAL TERMS WILSON PLAN RIDICULOUS

Washington, Aug. 24.—Walker D. Hines, chairman of the executive committee of the Santa Fe issued a statement today attacking President Wilson's plan and characterizing it as preposterous. He declared the president apparently had made up his own mind without a hearing "as to the concessions he will force the employers to give to buy off labor from its illegal cause."

## AUSTRIANS FIND MONASTERY GOLD WORTH MILLIONS

Geneva, Aug. 24.—The Austrians according to a special dispatch from Innsbruck, have found the famous treasure of the Detschni monastery, near Cortina, Montenegro, which the monks had buried upon the approach of the invaders. The accumulations were those of generations since the thirteenth century, golden vessels, and richly embroidered vestments.

The value of the whole accumulation is estimated at several million pounds. It is said also the dispatch that a peasant betrayed to the Austrians the catacombs where the treasure was secreted.

## \$2 WHEAT COMING

Government Report Intensifies Black Rust Scare.

Washington, Aug. 24.—"Black rust" probably will be the cause of sending wheat prices soaring to unheard-of levels, with the coming of the spring wheat output, according to the United States department of agriculture today.

One official said \$2 wheat now appears probable.

One of the most severe epidemics in this black rust ever recorded has swept the wheat belt of the northwestern United States, the infection, predicting a production far below normal.

Commercial reports arriving at the department not only substantiate the predictions of the government, but it is said tend to place the loss at a far greater figure, with correspondingly high prices certain for the fall and winter crops.

Minnesota and the two Dakotas—produce, it is said, the greater part of the spring crop.

## HAS FOUND ENEMY

Defending Fleet Prepares to Meet Invading Force.

Two Scout Lines and Submarines Ready to Attack.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The fleet of enemy transports bringing an invasion force to be landed on the Atlantic seaboard have been found by the defending fleet and the first point in the big naval war game goes to the defense. The fleet of the enemy, the big wireless towers at Arlington picked up orders being sent from Admiral Helms' flagship disposing his line to meet the development. The word has come of the whereabouts of the hostile battle fleet commanded by Admiral Helms, and it is supposed to be near the transports.

Admiral Helms is sweeping the ocean toward the last known position of the enemy with his fleet, covering several hundred miles. They are steaming on parallel courses at intervals of thirty miles. Any change in the course of one will be required to alter the courses of all scouts in order that a gap shall not be left through which the enemy fleet could slip for an attack upon the coast.

Throw Out Second Line.

Rainy or misty weather may seriously hamper the defending scouts, as the thirty-mile intervals are wide enough to permit the enemy to slip by under such conditions. For that reason an inner line of scouts is being maintained, and close in to the coast, behind the defending battle fleet, the submarine flotilla is ready in case the enemy invade the outer line. Early course of one very intelligent officer discovered a "plot" to blow up storage oil tanks at Narragansett and to destroy the magazines in the naval yard at Newport.

Warned and ordered to report what steps they had taken to thwart the attempted attacks.

## SUFFRAGETTE FLOPS

President of Union Fighting Wilson Resigns and Takes Stamp for Him.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Francis C. Axtell, president of the Washington State Congressional union opposing President Wilson, has resigned her position and will stamp the state for the president according to a telegram received at the White House today from George E. Ryan, secretary of the Washington Democratic state committee. Mr. Ryan said that Mrs. Axtell is the Progressive party's candidate for congress from her district.

## MEAT CARDS FOR EMPIRE

To Become Operative Throughout All Germany October 2.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The government has issued a decree providing for the introduction of meat cards for the whole of Germany on October 2.

Families butchering for their own consumption are subject to the card system. The body was found in the washroom of one of the coaches. Efforts are being made to locate relatives.

Joplin Man Dies on Train.

Mountain Grove, Mo., Aug. 24.—The body of a man supposed to be J. W. McCain, en route from Joplin, Mo., to Birmingham, Ala., was taken from the southbound Frisco flyer here early today. The body was found in the washroom of one of the coaches. Efforts are being made to locate relatives.

## NERVY BULGARS BESIEGE GREEK CITY OF SERES

Greek Garrison Joins French Soldiers Against Invasion.

Attack Makes New War Phase Most Critical.

MAY SEPARATE GREEK FORCES

Athens Sees Intention to Seize East Macedonia.

Ancient Metropolis Is But 43 Miles From Saloniki.

London, Aug. 24.—The ancient Greek city of Seres, forty-three miles northeast of Saloniki, is under attack by a strong Bulgarian force, according to Athens dispatches today.

The Greek garrison is co-operating with French forces in defending the city. French artillery is replying vigorously to a heavy Bulgarian bombardment, while the Greeks under command of Colonel Christopoulos are throwing up entrenchments. The Seres garrison is being reinforced by small Greek detachments which retired upon the city after spirited fighting with numerically superior Bulgarian forces.

Balkans Checked Other Sectors.

On practically every other sector of the Balkan front, the Bulgarian offensive has been brought to a standstill. The Serbs have yielded but little ground on the left wing since their first retirement. Anglo-French forces are consolidating their positions in the Doinra region on the center.

The Bulgarian drive southward against Seres, a city of 30,000 inhabitants, has created a new and more critical situation at Athens. If Seres falls, the Bulgars will have practically cut off all the Greek troops operating in Eastern Macedonia, a territory highly prized by the Bulgarians. The Greek detachments in the west, Greece enters the war, could rejoin the main Greek army only by a march along the sea coast and across a narrow strait formed by Thracian lake and the sea.

## HUGHES IN UTAH

In Ogden Today; Night Speech at Salt Lake City.

G. O. P. Tariff Policy Cheered by Beet Raisers.

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 24.—Republican Presidential Candidate Charles E. Hughes today headed into Utah, the state which four years ago gave William H. Taft one of his two Republican majorities.

It was more or less a day of rest for the nominee, so he slept late. Mrs. Hughes, however, put her foot down hard on any extra strenuous activity, and rather than protect the first flight alone, Marr will accompany him on the second. Mrs. Longren will accompany a newspaper man will accompany the Hugheses on their first flight.

Then the aeroplane will be turned over to Captain Billard. This is the first aeroplane with a seat for a passenger ever built by Longren. Longren, his workmen and Captain Billard work from daylight to dusk on the machine. Captain Billard intends to make exhibition flights in Kansas during the fall.

## WAIVE STRIKE SNAG

Arkansas Miners Return to Work Despite Union-Operators Scrap.

Huntington, Ark., Aug. 24.—Three hundred coal miners, employed by the Central Coal and Coke company will return to work at once under an agreement waiving the penalty clause in the contract which has been the high point in the negotiations in Kansas City, according to announcement here today.

Still Threaten Coal Strike.

Kansas City, Aug. 24.—Informal conferences between miners and coal operators were held here today in further efforts to prevent the threatened strike of 35,000 miners in Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas as a result of the inability to agree upon one clause in the two-year wage contract now being negotiated. The conference will be resumed late this afternoon.

## DEATH IN CLOTHESLINE

Wire Electrified by Lightning Kills Woman and Child.

Harrisonburg, Va., Aug. 24.—Lightning, attracted by clothes line, killed Mrs. Grant Herring yesterday as she was gathering her washing in the face of an approaching storm and then jumped to a standstill at some distance from the house, and killed a neighbor's child.

## BARBERS GO ON STRIKE

Wig Makers Strike Settled—Bald Headed Men Laugh Last.

New York, Aug. 24.—The bald headed man came into his own here today. He gave his brothers with heavily thatched roofs the laugh.

Just as wig makers ended their troubles with the human hair workers, who charged inhuman treatment, thus assuring a continued supply of wigs and toupees, 6,000 barbers walked out.

## STUBBS GOES TO TEXAS

Former Governor and Family Take Up Ranch at Hereford.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 24.—W. R. Stubbs, ex-governor of Kansas, who has cattle interests at Hereford, Tex., has just bought the thirty section ranch of W. E. Hicks, west of Hereford. His family will move there.

## GERMAN FIER OUTHS ARMY TO WORK IN TOPEKA

Carl Marr, Who Dropped Bombs on French Is Here.

Now Preparing Military Aeroplane for Phil Billard.

TRIED TO SMUGGLE PLANS

But Kaiser's Secret Service Men Took Them Away.

Germany Will Be Starved in 18 Months He Declares.

A year ago Carl Marr was in the German Aviation Corps engaged in dropping bombs on the French. Today, he is working on the Longren aviation field near Pauline assisting in preparing a big military aeroplane for Capt. Phil Billard, a Frenchman.

Marr is well-known in aviation circles in America and has made flights in various towns in this state. Longren knew him several years ago. Marr decided to return to Germany and get there about the time the war began. He was an American then but with six brothers offered his services to the Kaiser. Aviators are valued at a high rate in Germany and while Marr didn't enlist he aided in aeroplane work and made several flights over the French lines while the officer in the passenger seat dropped bombs. All of his brothers were killed and Marr decided to return to America.

A Good Mechanic.

A few weeks ago Longren employed him and since then Marr has been aiding in preparing the Billard aeroplane for flight. Longren looks upon Marr as the best mechanic he has ever employed and permits him to work more with the motor than any man ever in his employ.

Marr doesn't believe the war will be over for eighteen months. At the end of that time Germany will be starved out, he declares.

Searched by Germans.

American doesn't realize the advantage made in aeroplane manufacturing in Germany since the war. Marr says. He attempted to bring blue prints of a Folker machine to America with him but was stopped by agents by the Germans and the plans taken away from him. If he had succeeded in getting the plans to this country, he could have made a fortune by selling them to an American manufacturer.

There are 15,000 aeroplanes in Germany now," said Marr. "The aeroplane corps is looked upon as the most important unit of the service."

First Flight Tomorrow.

The big, 125 horse power engine of the Billard machine was started twice Tuesday afternoon. The pulling power proved to be greater than the contract stipulated. A few more touches and the plane will be ready for flight. It is probable Longren will make his first flight Thursday morning.

Longren, who is making the first flight alone, Marr will accompany him on the second. Mrs. Longren will accompany a newspaper man will accompany the Hugheses on their first flight.

## STOP BIG DRIVE

Tentons Bring the Russ to Standstill in Carpathians.

Turks Claim Success in the Caucasus Front.

London, Aug. 24.—Everywhere on the 250 mile battle line from the Rumanian Marches down to the Carpathians the general offensive launched by the Russians under General Bursloff in the first days of July has been brought to a standstill at some points. Particularly in Volynia, northeast of Koval in the Sereth valley, east of Lemberg and in the Carpathians the Austro-German armies have launched successful counter attacks during the last forty-eight hours, regaining some lost ground. Petrograd claimed no new gains in its official statements.

## Turks Claim Victory.

Constantinople, Aug. 24.—The repulse of a Russian attack on the Turkish positions along the Caucasus front with a loss of 3,400 Russian troops, is reported.

## Russ Win Near Mosul.

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—Russian troops have defeated four Turkish divisions (80,000 men) in a great battle near the village of Bagdadi, near Mosul, capturing two entire Turkish regiments. It was officially announced today much cannon and other booty was taken.

## KING LUDWIG STRICKEN

Bavarian Ruler's Condition Grave, Following Apoplexy Stroke.

Paris, Aug. 24.—King Ludwig III of Bavaria has been stricken with apoplexy and his condition is grave, according to a report from Switzerland, says a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Munich.

The married Archduchess Marie Theresa of Austria and ascended the Bavarian throne in 1913. He was appointed a field marshal of the Bavarian artillery last year and visited the Bavarian troops on battle line in France in January last.

## AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE RETURNS FOR CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT WILSON



Ambassador Sharp and his daughter Margaret photographed on their arrival in New York.

Ambassador to France William G. Sharp has just arrived from Paris with his daughter Margaret. The ambassador went to Washington immediately on his arrival and had a conference with President Wilson and Ambassador Page, American representative at the court of St. James, who is now in the United States.

## FEAR A LYNCHING BELIEVE 8 KILLED

Olathe Officials Guard Alleged Murderer in County Jail.

Heavy Trestle Falls on Workers in Erie Foundry.

Claimed to Have Confessed Killing Farmer and Wife.

Five Known Dead—Several Injured Will Die.

Olathe, Kan., Aug. 24.—An extra guard was placed around the county jail here today as a precaution against possible mob violence against Bert Dudley, the farmer who has confessed according to authorities, that he murdered the aged Henry Muller and his wife at their farm near Stillwell, this county, last Sunday.

Dudley, it was said at the court house, made an additional statement today to C. L. Randall, the county attorney, on which a warrant charging him with first degree murder was issued.

Dudley is quoted as saying he was hunting squirrels with Muller's shotgun when he found the old man plowing. An argument came up over the plowing and the shot was fired.

"He opened a knife and ran at me," the confession reads. "I grabbed up the shotgun and when he whirled, I shot him."

The house and shot Mrs. Muller in the back of the head when she inquired about her husband, the confession details, and adds that Dudley's plans to escape were delayed because of his fondness for a girl living at Stillwell. Dudley is said to have slept three nights in the Muller farm house within 200 yards of an old cellar in which he buried the bodies.

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Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 24.—The mania which caused Dr. Fred M. Larkin's death and his wounding of two policemen was induced by drugs, according to the physicians who gave him emergency treatment. He said three doses of stimulant were necessary before any effect was noticed on Larkin's heart indicating that his system was full of opiates. Needle punctures in Larkin's arm also showed the use of drugs.

The two patrolmen, Glenn Marshall and Philip Neff, victims of the physician's bullets, have a chance to recover, although dangerously wounded.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 24.—Dr. Fred M. Larkin, alleged maniac, is dead today and Patrolman P. V. Neff and S. Glenn Marshall near death, the result of a battle which followed attempts to arrest the demented man. Five months behind in his rent, Larkin became a raving maniac. He smashed the door to his apartment and began breaking everything left in the place.

Police were called.

"I'm faint afraid of any policemen," Larkin opened fire on Marshall and Neff, pouring seven shots into the body of each man. The brief grapple with the wild man but was shot five times before he shot Larkin near the heart.

Mrs. Larkin, Echor, sitting near a window fifty feet away, was grazed by a stray shot.

## HONORS TO SUB'S CREW

Kaiser Will Decorate Members of the Deutschland's Personnel.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—According to a dispatch received here today from Berlin, Emperor William has sent the following telegram to the owners of the submarine Deutschland:

"With sincere pleasure I have just received news of the safe return of the submarine liner Deutschland. I heartily congratulate the owners and builders of the vessel and the brave seamen under Koenk's command."

The message also expresses the intention of the emperor to bestow decoration on members of the Deutschland's personnel.

## ODDITIES CULLED FROM DAY'S NEWS

New York—While the mercury was up around 90 yesterday, F. F. Winter of Cleveland, Jack Frost of San Antonio and two Snows from Boston arrived at the Waldorf Astoria.

Pietman, N. J.—The town of Pietman was plunged into darkness when William Dilks, 14, fell thirty feet from the top of a pole, struck a wire and short circuited the whole lighting system.

Paterson, N. J.—King William, for forty years a member of a gypsy band and its leader, over 60, died in the field with his followers, as he wished, after escaping from a hospital here.

Pittsburg—Just a foot note, "Before repairing use anaesthetic," scribbled by a joker on an artificial limb sent east for ninety cents, cost the addressee \$2.02 in postage-due. Original postage was 15 cents.

Chicago—As a reward for faithful services for two generations in the family of Wm. H. Peck, Hedwich Swanson, a servant, will get \$2,500.

Chicago—Herman Hespin, 11, may die as a result of a bullet wound in the head received while playing burglar and policeman with his cousin, Herman Freundlich, 11.

Chicago—Dr. Arthur L. Hunt, arrested here for the eleventh time on charges of illegally selling drugs, went on a "hunger strike" and refused to eat for ninety minutes, until the guard brought him in a steak.

## IN SAME HOMES

Infantile Paralysis Often Attacks Several Children.

N. Y. Department Stores Take Steps to Check Disease.

New York, Aug. 24.—Despite a belief that infantile paralysis seldom attacks more than one member of the same family, figures prepared by the United States public health service show that in 227 families here that more than one child has had the disease. In more than 200 of these families only two children were afflicted while in 20 families three children were struck. In one family there were five cases.

Nevertheless, the health commissioner asserts that the great majority of the children is not susceptible to infantile paralysis. Of the first seven thousand cases only 2.36 per cent were those of children whose mothers or brothers previously had the disease.

Stores Aid Fight.

Most of the large department stores now are refusing to permit the return of children's clothing or toys after they have once been delivered, in order to prevent a spread of the epidemic in that way. Some of the department stores refuse to accept returns of any kind from buildings in which cases of infantile paralysis have occurred. The department of health, however, has made no ruling on this matter.

Health department officials were encouraged by today's reports on the epidemic which showed a substantial decrease in the number of deaths and new cases. During the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m., 30 children died and 193 were stricken. This compares favorably with Wednesday's figures, 42 deaths and 131 new cases.

## GOV. MAJOR AT HELM

Cuts Short Vacation to Settle Police Commissioner Puss.

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—Governor Major arrived in St. Louis this morning from northern lake resorts and by virtue of his arrival Lieutenant Governor Painter, who removed two police commissioners in St. Joe, and the president of the St. Louis police board, ceased his vacation.

The governor gave no intimation whether he intended to retain Sam McPheters as president of the police board or to back up the lieutenant governor who insisted on McPheters's resignation and removed him when he refused to resign. McPheters still acts as head of the police board.

## TAKE GERMAN CARGO

Claim Russian Submarine Was Flying Swedish Flag.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The capture of the German steamship Desterro, with cargo of iron ore, was made by a Russian submarine, flying the Swedish flag, says the Overseas news agency, Reuters, from Stockholm.

The Desterro was seized in Swedish territorial waters, having on board a Swedish pilot who had been captured by the Russians. The vessel was taken into Raumo, Finland. "This flagrant violation of Swedish neutrality," the news agency says, "has caused a great deal of indignation in Sweden and embittered feeling of the people."

## MONEY TO GUARDSMEN

Fund of \$750,000 Raised in Washington—Pay for July.

San Antonio, Aug. 24.—A fund of \$750,000 has been made available by the war department for the payment of state troops on duty along the border (General Funston saw that the amount would be sufficient to pay guardsmen for their services up to and including the month of July.

## N. M. REPUBLICANS FOR SUFFRAGE AND DRY LAW

San Antonio, Aug. 24.—The Republican state convention is on record today in favor of the submission of amendments to the constitution providing for state-wide prohibition and votes for women.

The platform was adopted late Wednesday night by the convention.

## RECRUITING STATION OPENS IN KANSAS CITY—Starts Others Soon.

Kansas City, Aug. 24.—Enlistment headquarters to recruit the First and Second regiments of Kansas National Guard to proper strength will be opened today in Kansas City, Kan. The recruiting will be in charge of W. A. Simpson, first lieutenant Company A, who was sent from the border.

Lieutenant Simpson will open recruiting stations in Leavenworth and Atchison. The companies of the First and Second regiments now average sixty men apiece. They are to be recruited to 100 men each.